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ROMANCE OF THE BLACK HILLS.

Lieutenant General Sheridan has written the following letter concerning the Black Hills country. It sets forth what has been done and what the government proposes to do in the matter, and immediately concerns all who contemplate going in to that country for gold.

Headquarters Military Division of Missouri, Chicago, March 25.—Gen. W. T. Sherman, Headquarters of the Army, St. Louis: General—In reply to your question, "What do you know of the Black Hills?" I respectfully submit the following remarks: My first knowledge of the Black Hills was derived from an interview with the late Father Desmet, a noted Catholic missionary whom I met many years ago on the Columbia river, in Oregon, from whom I heard an Indian romance of a mountain of gold in the Black Hills, and his explanation of that extraordinary and delusive story of the Indians, frontiersmen and explorers of the Black Hills country, is much more extensive than that particular locality brought to the notice of the public by the recent explorations of Gen. Custer, and gets its name from the black scrubby character of the timber which grows on the sides and tops of the mountains and hills. It comprises the whole of the country bounded on the east by longitude 102 degrees, on the south by the Sweetwater and Laramie rivers, on the west by the Big Horn and Wind rivers, and on the north by the Yellowstone river.

This is really the country of the Black Hills, but embraced in it are several localities called Black Hills, for instance, Black Hills of Laramie, Black Hills of Powder river and Black Hills of Cheyenne river, the latter being the locality in which General Custer made his reconnaissance last summer, and about which there is so much speculation at the present time, and within the bounds of which it is supposed by a large number of people to be found Father Desmet's mountain of gold.

Father Desmet's story was that while living with the Sioux Indians he was shown by them nuggets of gold, which he informed him had been obtained at different points in the Black Hills, supposed to be from the beds of the Big Horn, Rosebud and Powder rivers, and on branches of the Tongue river, and on his representing that such yellow metal was of great value, they told him that they knew where a mountain of it was to be found.

Subsequent investigation, however, proved the Indian mountain of gold was nothing more than a formation of yellow mica, such as may be found in a number of places in the above described country. I had scarcely given the story a thought after this until about three years ago, when I happened to be in New York, and it was there brought to my recollection by some prominent gentleman, who asked me where Father Desmet was to be found, and insisted that some one should be sent at once to get from him the secret of the gold mountain, which would pay the national debt, &c. After I had informed him that it was an old exploded story his ardor cooled, and the excitement about the mountain of gold again subsided. It so happened, however, that the Black Hills country was embraced in my military commission, and two years ago it became apparent to me that a military post in the Black Hills of the Cheyenne would soon become necessary for the proper protection of the settlements in Nebraska from the raids of Sioux warriors who always before they commenced devastating on the frontier secured a safe place for their families and villages in the locality mentioned. Believing that these Indians would never make war on our settlements as long as we could threaten their families and villages in this remote locality, showing in game and all that goes to make Indian life comfortable, and with this purely military object in view an order was given for General Custer's reconnaissance.

The discovery of particles of gold by alluvial washing near Harney's Peak, on the eastern slope of the Black Hills of Cheyenne, followed, and brought to surface Father Desmet's story for the third time. The Black Hills of Cheyenne described by General Custer are situated between the north and south forks of that river, one of which is known as Belle Fourche, the other as the South Fork, and although I have the utmost confidence in the statements of Gen. Custer and Gen. Forsyth, of my staff, that gold was found, near Harney's Peak, I may safely say there has not been any fair test yet made to determine its existence in large quantities. There is not a Territory in the West where gold does not exist, but in many of them the quantity is limited to the color, which is as much as has yet been obtained near Harney's Peak. The geological specimens brought back by the Custer expedition are not favorable indications of the existence of gold in great quantities; still it may be there, but as the treaty of 1869, duly ratified, virtually deeds this portion of the Black Hills to the Sioux Indians, there is no alternative but to keep out trespassers.

But to go back to Father Desmet's information, there is not much doubt of the correctness of his statement that gold exists in the Black Hills, but much further back than the Black Hills of the Cheyennes. I have seen nuggets from the Big Horn and Tongue rivers, in the upper Wind river country, where the mining has failed for want of water for alluvial washing, and from the hostility of the Indians, and I have good reason to believe, in fact it is quite certain, that gold exists in the Owl Creek mountains on the lower Wind river and on the headwaters of the Powder river and the Rosebud. All the localities are under the general meaning in the Black Hills, and outside of the Sherman, Auger and Terry treaty of 1869, except so far as the privilege to hunt game. It has been my intention to communicate much information this coming summer to the government on the above described country, and as the Indians have no absolute right to the soil there may but little difficulty in extinguishing their claim.

I purpose, if you do not object, to open up the Yellowstone river by sending Gen. George A. Forsythe and Col. Grant, of my staff, up the Yellowstone to the mouth of the Big Horn as soon as the ice breaks, which will give the lowest tide-water, having already secured a steambot to make this exploration. If Gen. Forsythe is successful I will send Gen. Custer

with a command from Fort Lincoln across the mouth of Powder river, thence up on the south bank of the Yellowstone, crossing Powder river, Tongue river, the Rosebud, and on to the mouth of Big Horn. This country is as yet entirely unexplored, and the expedition may develop a very valuable auriferous section, and make the Father Desmet story extant true, but I am of the belief that a mountain of mica has not changed to gold. I will also send an expedition down the Wind river, through the Owl Creek mountains, from Fort Stambaugh, via Fort Brown, to the mouth of the Big Horn and will bring it back through the park, about the headwaters of the Powder river, visited by Captain Mills and his command last summer. These parks are for beauty fully equal to those described so graphically by General Custer as existing in the Black Hills of Cheyenne. I may also say from my own knowledge that the valleys of the Big and Little Popoogie, Little Wind river and main Wind river, can scarcely be excelled in beauty and fertility, while the student of nature will find there the most extraordinary upheaval of the earth's crust probably to be found on this continent.

I am of opinion that this country is gold bearing, but of its abundance there can only be conjecture. At present I feel quite confident of an ability to prevent the intended trespass on the rights of the Indians, and the cavalry and infantry in the department time to the most available points to carry out my directions of September 3d of last year. Were it not for these instructions on the part of the government there might be a repetition of California gold beach and gold lake humbugs, with still greater suffering, as many of the persons now crazy to go to the Black Hills never think of how they are to exist after they get there, or how they are to return in case of failure. If they will wait for further information from the government, which now seems to be desirous of making concessions to meet these new interests, there will be no one more willing than myself to aid in ascertaining their values.

So far as troops are concerned, I will promise activity in the present emergency, and the conscientious performance of duty. Should the points from which the miners stand be so remote as to make it impossible for our sentry force to watch them, we can occupy the two or three gaps in the Black Hills, and effectually exclude trespass. Very respectfully,
P. H. SHERIDAN,
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